

Proposed Criteria to Qualify Applicants

Initial Qualifier

Applicant is not applying for a cultivation license for a premises that exceeds one acre of total canopy for outdoor cultivation, or 22,000 square feet for mixed-light or indoor cultivation

In addition to the initial qualifier, applicant meets three (3) of the following criteria

Convicted of a non-violent, cannabis-related offense

An individual from any group with a protected status

Household income is below the California poverty level

A primary resident of Monterey County for at least five years from 1971 – 2016

Proposed Benefits for Qualified Applicants

Retirement, Remediation and Relocation (“RRR”)

- Permit the transfer of development rights from one area to another which satisfies criteria not met at the original site.

Revolving Loan Program

- Low or no interest loans to establish or expand a commercial cannabis business, which are repayable in the interest of making monies available to future applicants

Technical Assistance

- Provide technical assistance to support establishing and maintaining a commercial cannabis operation, including licensing and compliance.



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Application/Permit Fee Waivers

- Offer waivers for various local permits requirements, including the PLN, CNB, ABL.

Shared Use Facilities

- Allow operators to share a licensed premise for certain commercial cannabis activities.

Legal Assistance

- Legal services to advise equity applicants on expungement, business formation, contracts, commercial leasing, and dispute resolution.